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Applicants: Makoto Noda et al.

Serial No.: 10/799,893

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For : ENCODING APPARATUS AND METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM  
AND PROGRAM

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/799,893 filed March 10, 2004.

1.  Enclosed is a copy of the prior application as originally filed including a copy of the signed Declaration and a copy of the drawings.
2.  The prior application is assigned to Sony Corporation and the Assignment was recorded on July 6, 2004 at Reel 015547 Frame 06609.
3.  Priority of Application(s) No.(s) P2003-079556 filed on March 24, 2003 in Japan, is claimed under 35 USC 119.

[x] The certified copy in support of the claim of priority has been filed in the Prior Application Serial No. 10/799,893 and acknowledgment thereof is requested.

4. [ ] This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown below in parentheses apply.

b. [x] The filing fee is calculated below:

X Our check for \$ 1,000.00 calculated as follows:

Basic Filing Fee of \$300 (\$150) .....	\$ 300.00
Utility Search Fee of \$500 (\$250).....	\$ 500.00
Utility Examination Fee of \$200 (\$100).....	\$ 200.00
<u>      </u> Total Claims in excess of 20 at \$50(\$25). \$	0.00
<u>      </u> Ind. Claims in excess of 3 at \$200 (\$100).\$	0.00
<u>      </u> Fee of \$360 (\$180) for Mult. Dep. Claim....\$	0.00
Assignment Recording Fee of \$40 .....	\$ 0.00
 Total Filing Fee .....	 \$ 1,000.00

5. [x] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 03-3125. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

6. [x] A check in the amount of \$1,000.00 is enclosed for the filing fee and a check in the amount of \$130 is enclosed for the terminal disclaimer.

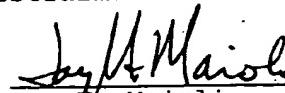
7. [x] Amend claim 1 and cancel claims 2-22.

8. [x] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This is a division of prior application Serial No. 10/799,893 filed March 10, 2004.

9. [x] Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application identified above is considered as being a part of the disclosure of the accompanying

application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

10. [x] The power of attorney in the prior application is to Jay H. Maioli, Reg. No. 27,213, Cooper & Dunham, 1185 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10036.
- a. [x] The power appears in the prior application.
- b. [x] Address all future communications to:  
Jay H. Maioli, Cooper & Dunham,  
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11. [x] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
12. [x] A Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed.

  
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